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"Now that's what I'm talking about," says "Jimmy," holding an unidentified burger. Dean who is not using his real name or identity for this story, said he was recently ostracized at a friendly barbecue for his meat-eating habits.

Carnivore 'traumatized' after Portland cookout scolding

A Portland man left a party traumatized after being shamed and ridiculed for bringing beef patties from Fred Meyer to a friend's cookout on Saturday night.

"I still can't explain it," says "Jimmy." "I was invited by a friend to a barbecue this weekend and was hoping to just relax and enjoy the company."

Minutes after arriving, Jimmy says, one woman appeared very irritated after he asked if he could put his hamburger in her cooler until the grill was hot.

"I didn't really understand why she was so mad," Jimmy said. "Everyone in the group began distancing themselves from me.

"I overheard one woman say, 'If it wasn't bad enough that he brought an animal to the party, it's disgusting that he actually brought meat from Fred Meyer. It's not even grass fed.' Seriously, what's the difference?"

Jimmy says he tried to blow it off, but as time went by, everyone at the party started to ignore him. "I already have anxiety about going to parties. It was really uncomfortable."

"I started to put two and two together when the conversation around the campfire turned to the evil meat industry and how killing animals was a product of our sick society," says Jimmy. "One woman, with a Lewis and Clark sweatshirt, turned to me and asked how I would feel if I were raised in a cage, gutted and eaten for the enjoyment of others. It's supposed to be a party, for chrissakes!"

Asked what happened next, Jimmy says, "I quietly left the party. "I was traumatized. A friend texted me later and said he was sorry, but that I should have known better than to bring hormone-injected beef to the party."

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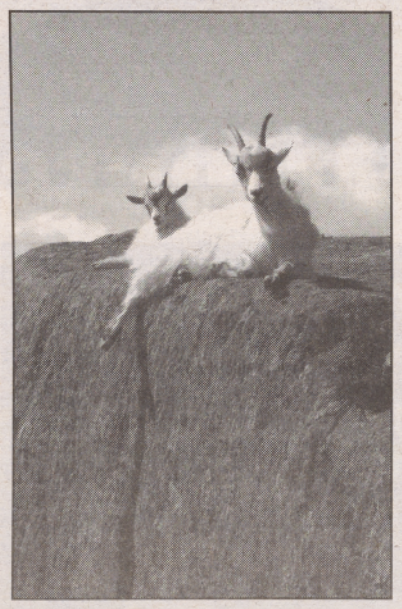

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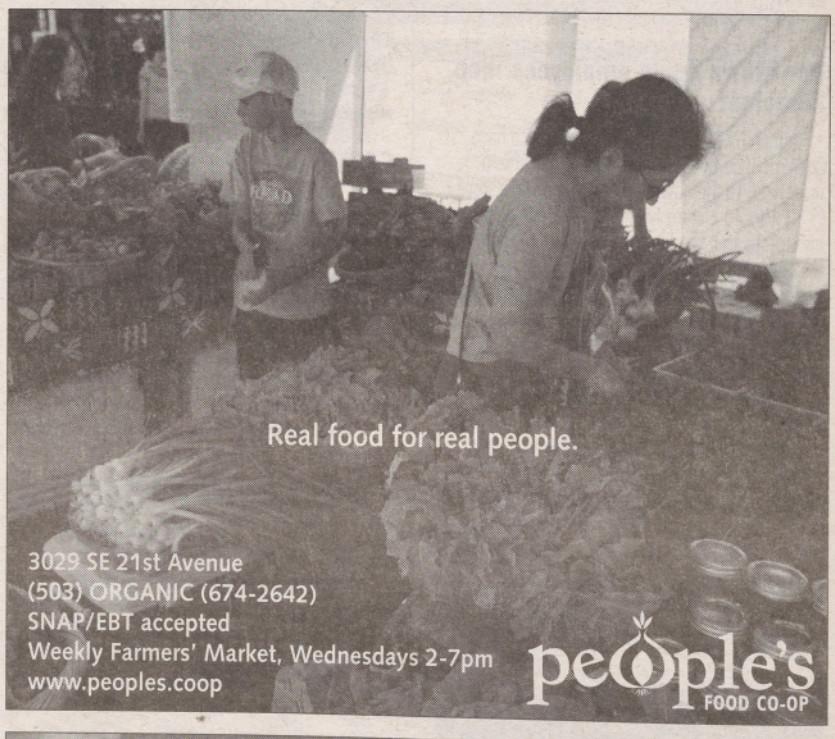
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